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Now do you suspect that that county would be in a position to pay those four full time equivalent salary?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Should they have a full time equivalent salary if they don't have private practice? Deputies?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well sure.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Obviously each of them.....

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Can I ask you a question, Senator Lewis? Will you support the bill if we include deputies?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll support the bill first of all under about three or four provisions. Number one, I found out that you can hire an attorney for about any price you want to pay but it's a difference between Skeet Jones and Belle. It's a different story. And that's something the problem that you face in these types of elections. The person whose going to handle the major responsibility in law enforcement and at the county attorney's office level. Certainly if you're going to say that person's going to do full time, then you're going to make it so that person is entitled to receive some substantial compensation to what he can get on the outside. Or else I'll tell you the type that's going to take that kind of job.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I've got an amendment in there to raise the salary of your county attorney in Sarpy county to \$32,500.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Then what are you going to do about the assistants?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'd be willing to put the assistants in there if that'll make you go along with the bill.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Will you do that?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I think that's a good question, John. I think that's a hell of a good question.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Let me ask a couple more then.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: George said you'd back me into a corner. Of course, George wouldn't know a corner if he saw it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Let me ask you a couple more. I'll try to complete the circle of paint there.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Okay.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: In your experience with county attorney's office in Sarpy County, have you ever heard that your present county attorney participates in representing clients that have the potential for some conflicts? As to him fulfilling his full obligations as county attorney?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Certainly I have not and I think the county attorney's done an excellent job there in that county. Did the job for a long time. I think he's done an excellent